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HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, the evening of November 30th, I am not recorded on two votes because I was absent due to illness.

If I had been present, I would have voted: Yes, on rollcall 644, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes; and Yes on rollcall 645, the Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act.

HONORING THE JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW POST ON THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Johnson-Phelps Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5220 of Oak Lawn, Illinois, on its 80th anniversary. Through the work of its members, the Johnson-Phelps VFW has made a difference in the lives of countless people and has had a tremendous positive impact on the community. The post is an exemplary organization in the Third District and its members exemplify the unyielding bravery, courage, and perseverance of America's Armed Forces.

In 1945 a group of veterans returning from the Second World War formed the post and named it for Mr. Raymond Johnson and Mr. Leslie Phelps, both killed in action during WWII. Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Phelps' names were chosen from a hat that included the names of all 23 men from the Oak Lawn area that were killed in the war. The current post building was completed in 1951, built in large part by the post's own members. Johnson-Phelps later merged with six other posts in Southwest Chicagoland, the oldest of which was chartered in 1935.

Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 is led today by Commander Richard Bukowski, Sr. Vice Commander Thomas Krone, and Jr. Vice Commander Bryant Reed. Their dedication to serving the community is shown through programs such as the well-known Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship Competitions. They also provide for the public by hosting and sponsoring important events in the community such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the members of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post of Oak Lawn, Illinois, for all they have done for our nation and the community over the past 80 years.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF KENMORE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the Zonta Club of Kenmore on the occasion of their 90th anniversary. Their service and advocacy is deserving of recognition and gratitude.

Nine decades ago, several Kenmore women met with Marian DeForest; past Chairman of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs, Ellen Bixby; then Vice-President of the Zonta Club of Buffalo, and Florence Fuchs, at the home of Jessie E. Webster on LaSalle Avenue in Kenmore. The Club was formally organized on December 2, 1925 at the home of Mrs. Aurelia Opperman.

On December 7, 1925 the Zonta Club of Kenmore received its charter—Charter #38, with fifteen members. Their first weekly luncheon meeting was held on Wednesday, December 9, 1925 at the Kenmore YWCA. Since its inception, the Zonta Club of Kenmore has dedicated itself to service work and commitment to the community.

In their first year of service work, the members decided to help further the education of a girl or woman in need, to provide her an opportunity to earn a living. Fundraising projects, such as Monster Theater parties at the Kenmore Theater, Annual Stunt Days, book reviews, card parties, bake sales, and rummage sales all helped to accomplish this noble objective.

On April 19, 1975, the Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary at a dinner held at the Pack-et Inn, in Tonawanda, New York. Some of the organizations that have benefitted from the good efforts of the Zonta Club over the years are the Girl Scouts of America, The American Red Cross, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, and many more.

Today, with a membership of 20 dedicated women, the motto of the Zonta Club of Kenmore is "Small but Mighty."

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor and recognize the Zonta Club of Kenmore. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Zonta Club on these accomplishments and their continuous contributions to the community.

HONORING MARY ELLEN ORMOND ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 33 YEARS IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Ms. Mary Ellen

Ormond on her retirement after 33 years in the New Hampshire Public School System, and thank her for the outstanding work she did during her career.

Ms. Ormond's continuous progression within the education community from her time at Grinnell Elementary School, to her most recent position as superintendent of the Inter-Lakes School District, exemplifies her dedication and professionalism.

The creativity, knowledge, and experience Ms. Ormond brought to classrooms throughout the Granite State has been invaluable, and it's clear she leaves an example of strong leadership for others to emulate in her wake.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Ormond on her retirement, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DR. H. GILBERT MILLER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Congressman ROBERT HURT, I submit these remarks in remembrance of Dr. H. Gilbert Miller, an enthusiastic innovator, a champion of technology, and a good man. We join the Miller family to mourn his loss, which is felt by all who knew him, and celebrate his life, which has left an indelible impact on many in our districts and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Miller was a visionary—a gifted engineer who spent his career supporting the development and innovation of cutting edge technology into our federal government programs most recently as Chief Technology Officer of Noblis, Inc., a non-profit science, technology, and strategy organization. At Noblis, he was the champion behind the development of the Noblis Innovation and Collaboration Center—the NICC—a place where great minds had room to grow and an incubator for transformative collaborations that yielded innovations and discoveries. Dr. Miller's mission was to help solve the world's toughest big data and analytic challenges by seeding and developing the nation's best minds and supporting their efforts with the power of technology. His leadership brought one of the world's largest and most dynamic supercomputers to Danville, Virginia for private sector use.

But Dr. Miller's love for technology and innovation went far beyond the walls of Noblis. He was a passionate supporter of STEM educations. Dr. Miller chaired and served on numerous volunteer, educational advisory boards, including most recently as Vice Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Board for the Volgenau School of Engineering at George Mason University and on the advisory board for the Data Analytics Engineering Program at George Mason University. In recognition of his many accomplishments, his leadership role in

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